



phi theta kappa scholars inspire involvement

Phi Theta Kappa, Omicron Delta, was a dynamic force on campus this year. Each member, whether old or new, displayed inspiring leadership and communication skills, and they came together to use these talents to make the campus more progressive. The officer team's duties required dedication outside of the school year, but they unanimously agreed that it was worth spending their time off to learn how to help their community in innovative ways.

The PTK officers and members attended the Regional Awards Gala at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. The Omicron Delta Chapter was awarded the Regional Hallmark Award for Honors Study Topic Theme 2: Individualism and Collectivism. In addition, PTK advisor, Dr. Jennifer D. McLaughlin, was awarded the advisor Horizon Award for 2018, and the chapter was presented with the Five Star Chapter Plan certificate. The Phi Theta Kappa chapter's College Project was Get Involved: Participate, Don't Spectate. The group planned an organization day where students could meet organization sponsors, visit with members, and sign-up. The organization day proved to be a success when students, faculty, and sponsors all came together as a unified group to promote its organizations. Throughout the semester at the PTK meetings, members were able to meet and talk with university recruiters, gain information about PTK scholarships, and enjoyed their time together as scholars.

The last project of the year for Phi Theta Kappa was their Honors in Action project: Dynamics of Discovery. The Honors in Action project, led by the Vice-President of Scholarship, was a research project that incorporated research and community involvement into the central theme of the Global Perspectives handbook. The group investigated a research project focusing on big data and how colleges can use this data to create a more unified experience for the college students. The group proposed a revisit of the college App to increase campus awareness of student events.

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left: Haven Johnson signs the inductee book; below left: Kelsey Hedgepeth, Madison VanNess, Victoria Johnson, Noah Martin, Elizabeth Case, Jehdiel Harrell, Haley Spicer, Paula Painter, Zoe Miller, Nora Zebert, Trevor Davis, Joshua Sterling, Rashondra Rankin; second row: Myesha Landrews, Brigitte Ciocan, Alex Laurich, Grant Touchstone, Ashley Vanegas, Kiara Quinn, Chase Hodges, Haven Johnson, Star Dillon, Brianna Pevey, Renner Rallos, Rachel Ryals, Laurie Richard, Kaitlyn McCarlie, Bailey Winters, Anna Morgan Smith, Destiney Gordon, Morgan Leonard, Tiyunna Lee, Leanne Fuqua, Tytianna Coleman, Jamaya Galloway; third row: Scott Harvey, Lakerionte Lewis, Alyssa Hughes, Lazavion Brown, Erin Rushing, Cameron Temple, Janiya Watkins, Katelyn Chandler, Lisa Jones, Nevin Holley, Lesley Walker, Karon Sherman, Auset Gibbs, Makylla Conerly, Caleb Crosby; fourth row: Nathanael Addison, Smith Holifield, Brooke Wells, Kacy Bui, Joshua Dela Cruz, Hunter Bugh, David Russell, Matthew Caulfield, Kayley Womack, Taylor Thornton, Hannah Owen; top far left: Renner Rallos and Kaitlyn McCarlie hand out PTK pamphlets at Organization Day; above: Stephen Holifield, Aaron Ragsdale, Morgan Leonard, Laurie Richard, Carlee Evans, and Zoe Miller decorate campus for Homecoming.